



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Commissioner Laura Badeaux, Commissioner Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Commissioner Kristi Coyne, Commissioner Kimberly Ellefson, Commissioner Connie Ladenburg, and Commissioner Nikki Singh

Members Absent: Commissioner Carlos Lugo

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:05

- Meeting chaired by
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the September agenda at 6:08

- Motioned by Secretary Walton to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coyne. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of August minutes at 6:09

- Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Commissioner Ladenburg seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:10

- No written public comments received.

5. Community Safety Action Strategy Update at 6:11

- Presented by Gabe Moaalii, Strategic Initiatives Program Coordinator, Office of Strategy
- Council Priorities
 - i. Defining what keeps people safe.
 - ii. Creating action strategy.
- Discussion on how commissioners define safety.
- Presentation of main objectives of strategy.

6. TPD Community Engagement Activities at 6:54

- Presented by Bervin Smith, Police Community Engagement Senior Manager, Police Public Information & Community
- Community Engagement events in the upcoming months, to include at the local meet-and-greet at local Wal-Mart in September, Gun buy-back in October, Thanksgiving turkey giveaway in November, neighborhood volunteer recognition in December, and more.
- Mr. Smith sets goal to bring his heritage of Texas BBQ and Louisiana jambalaya to community events in effort to bring community together.
- Commissioners request list of all events and to invite Mr. Smith back for updates in 2024.



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7. Review and Excuse Absences at 7:18

- Commissioner Coyne motions to excuse Commissioner Lugo. Commissioner Ladenburg seconds. All in favor.

8. Good of the Order at 7:19

- Vicky McLaurin reminds everyone to take open public meeting training.
- If audio issues can't be fixed, meetings may need to be returned to in-person.
- Future discussion surrounding the possibility of a selected HSC Commissioner to serve on the Youth and Young Adult Violence Reduction Executive Steering Committee.

9. Closing Comments at 7:27

- Chair Wilson expresses gratitude for attendance, engagement, humor, and technical support, with special thanks to Vicky McLaurin at tonight's meeting.
- Chair Wilson adjourns the meeting at 7:28.